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SUBJECT   The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception

        MIKE WALLACE: The only war America has ever lost, the
war in Vietnam, reached a dramatic turning point 14 years ago this
month.. The morning of January 30th, 1968, across the length and
breadth of South Vietnam, the enemy we thought was losing the war
suddenly launched a massive surprise attack. It was called the
Tet offensive. And the size of the assault, the cacualties, the
devastation caught the American public totally by surprise. But
more than that, it caught the mighty American Army, half a million
strong, unprepared for the enemy's bold strikes in all of South
Vietnam's cities.

        As the fighting continued, it became clear that the
ragged enemy forces we thought were being ground down had greater
numbers and greater military strength than we had been led to
believe. Before they were finally pushed back, those Viet Cong
forces had left behind a nagging question in the minds of millions
of Americans: How was it possible for them to surface so brazenly
and so successfully at a time when Americans at home were being
told the enemy was running out of men?

        The fact is that we Americans were misinformed about
the nature and the size of the enemy we were facing. And tonight
we're going to present evidence of what we have come to believe
was a conscious effort, indeed a conspiracy, at the highest levels
of American military intelligence to suppress and alter critical
intelligence on the enemy in the year leading up to the Tet offen-
sive.

        A former CIA analyst, Sam Adams, introduced us to this
evidence and he became our consultant. What you're about to see
are the results of our efforts over the last 12 months to confirm
his findings, and then what my CBS colleague George Crile and I

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